



**Public lecture**

# **Global Trends in Language Evaluation and Assessment\***

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Major shifts in educational evaluation and assessment have been happening since the 1980s. There is an international trend (evidenced by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and the International Adult Literacy Skills Survey) towards asset-based or strength-based approaches to evaluating a person's language competence. These international frameworks point towards a major paradigm shift in how we value and assess competence. Traditional "deficit-based" models of evaluation are being replaced. Are we ready, as 21st century educators, to translate this policy shift into our teaching practice?

**08:30 - Welcome**

**09:00 - 10:15 - Presentation**

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**This event is free of charge and open to the public.**

\* This presentation is part of the LANG 599 / 699 block week course. This presentation has been opened up to the public. Students enrolled in the course will also be in attendance.